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Spies Had Bonn Cabinet Notes

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KARLSRUHE, West Germany, March 4—The Government revealed tonight that a Communist spy ring has given secrets of Chancellor Brandt's cabinet to East Germany.

The alleged leader of the ring was arrested last week, carrying in her purse the cabinet minutes of Feb. 5 and 18, the government said.

Sources disclosed that the minutes dealt with the Moscow negotiations between State Secretary Egon Bahr and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. The minutes also recorded Brandt's acceptance of East German Premier's Willia Stoph's invitation for a summit between the two Germanys, the sources said.

The disclosure came at a news conference summoned by federal prosecutor Ludwig Martin, who named as the apparent brains of the ring a retired West German judge, Heinrich Wiedemann.

He charged that the 81-year-old former jurist had worked for the East German Ministry of State Security for 20 years.

Investigations showed he put the East Germans in touch

with Mrs. Irene Schultz, 51, secretary of West German Science Minister Hans Leuschke and his predecessor. She is under arrest as a spy suspect.

The prosecutor said Mrs. Schultz and Wiedemann fed documents to Mrs. Liane Lindner, 43, a psychologist who was picked up by security agents at the Bonn railroad station last week with two secret documents in her purse. Informed

sources said the documents were photocopies of the cabinet minutes of Feb. 5 and 18.

Under interrogation, Mrs. Lindner described herself as a "citizen of the German Democratic Republic" (East Germany) and protested her innocence because she carried out an assignment for East Germany "in the interests of peace."

Martin said Wiedemann must have enjoyed a high reputation with the East German security service, since he was invited to dinner several times by the head of the intelligence section, Lt. Gen. Markus Wolt.

His pay for a long time was about \$792 a month—one of the highest categories—but recently it was reduced to \$264.

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BONN—West German authorities announced yesterday the arrest of an alleged East German spy said to have access to the country's most secret scientific work. The report was not expected to influence the first meeting later this month of heads of government of the two states.

The key suspect arrested last week was a secretary named Irene Schultz, who was employed in the West German Ministry of Science. Since 1965, the 51-year-old widow had been the personal receptionist for Bonn's ministers of science. Among other things, the ministry is responsible for all atomic research in West Germany. Another woman was also arrested in the case.

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